

LINCOLN DAY AT HIS BIRTHPLACE.

Kentucky Farm Scene of Celebration Today.

PRESIDENT DELIVERS ADDRESS

Extols Career of Great Liberator in Speech at Laying of Cornerstone of the Lincoln Memorial—Distinguished Men Present—Escort of Former Wearers of Blue and Gray For Mr. Roosevelt—Exercises Under Auspices of the Lincoln Farm Association.

Hodgenville, Ky., Feb. 12.—At America's Bethlehem, near this town, where her savior was born 100 years ago, the nation paid tribute today to the memory of Abraham Lincoln. Eloquent speakers extolled his fame, and on the spot where stands the cabin in which he first saw the light the cornerstone of the Lincoln memorial was laid. The principal figure at the laying of the cornerstone was President Roosevelt, who delivered the main address.

The services at the Lincoln farm were held under the auspices of the Lincoln Farm association, which has labored long and assiduously in the effort, now crowned with success, to mark worthily the scene of Lincoln's birth. The association was represented by its president, former Governor



THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL.

Joseph W. Folk of Missouri; its indefatigable secretary, Richard Lloyd Jones, who had active charge of the arrangements for today's ceremonies, and other officers and members.

Man Who Saved Cabin Present.

A prominent figure in the crowd of distinguished men at the ceremonies was Robert J. Collier of New York, to whom the country owes the preservation of the cabin in which the great liberator was born. In 1860 the cabin was removed from its original site to another a mile and a half distant, near Davenport. There it served as a spring house until the early eighties, when it was bought by an enterprising showman and carted around the country to serve as an attraction at world's fairs and elsewhere. From this ignominious fate it was rescued by Mr. Collier. The outgrowth of his efforts to preserve it as a perpetual memorial for the nation was the Lincoln Farm association, whose labors will take concrete form in the marble memorial which will be built around and over the shack in which Lincoln was born.

Acting as escort for President Roosevelt and lending a very picturesque touch to the occasion were the members of the Louisville post of the Grand Army of the Republic and the members of the Louisville camp of the United Confederate Veterans. The mingling of the blue and the gray on this occasion elicited from President Roosevelt many expressions of delight.

The Men Who Spoke.

The exercises at the Lincoln farm began at noon. The opening address was delivered by ex-Governor Folk, who spoke on "The Lincoln Farm Association." He was followed by Governor Wilson, whose theme was "Lincoln's Mother State." Then came President Roosevelt, whose "Lincoln Centennial Address" was received with earnest attention and at its close with great applause. The president's successor as orator was Secretary Wright, who spoke for "The Confederate Veteran." Last on the list of speakers was General James Grant Wilson, the well known writer and orator, who spoke for "The Federal Veteran." The laying of the cornerstone followed the addresses.

President Roosevelt spoke as follows: We have met here to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the birth of one of the two greatest Americans; of one of the two or three greatest men of the nineteenth century; of one of the greatest men in the world's history. This rail splitter, this boy who passed his ungainly youth in the dire poverty of the poorest of the frontier folk, whose rise was by weary and painful labor, lived to lead his people through the burning flames of a struggle from which the nation emerged, purified as by fire, born anew to a loftier life. After long years of iron effort and of failure that came more often than victory, he at last rose to the leadership of the republic at the moment when that leadership had become the stupendous world task of the time. He grew to know

greatness, but never ease. Success came to him, but never happiness, save that which springs from doing well a painful and a vital task. Power was his, but not pleasure. The furrows deepened on his brow, but his eyes were undimmed by either hate or fear. His gaunt shoulders were bowed, but his steel thighs never faltered as he bore for a burden the destinies of his people. His great and tender heart shrank from giving pain, and the task allotted him was to pour out like water the lifeblood of the young men and to feel in his every fiber the sorrow of the women. Disaster saddened but never dismayed him. Triumph was his at the last, and barely had he tasted it before murder found him, and the kindly, patient, fearless eyes were closed forever.

Lincoln and Washington.

As a people we are indeed beyond measure fortunate in the characters of the two greatest of our public men, Washington and Lincoln. They were alike in essentials—they were alike in the great qualities which rendered each able to render service to his nation and to all mankind such as no other man of his generation could or did render. There have been other men as great and other men as good, but in all the history of mankind there are no other two great men as good as these, no other two good men as great. Widely though the problems of today differ from the problems set for solution to Washington when he founded this nation, to Lincoln when he saved it and freed the slave, yet the qualities they showed in meeting these problems are exactly the same as those we should show in doing our work today.

Lincoln saw into the future with the prophetic imagination usually vouchsafed only to the poet and the seer. He had in him all the lift toward greatness of the visionary, without any of the visionary's fanaticism or egotism, without any of the visionary's narrow jealousy of the practical man and inability to strive in practical fashion for the realization of an ideal. No more practical man ever lived than this homely backwoods idealist, but he had nothing in common with those practical men whose consciences are warped until they fail to distinguish between good and evil, fail to understand that strength, ability, shrewdness, whether in the world of business or of politics, only serve to make their possessor a more noxious, a more evil member of the community, if they are not guided and controlled by a fine and high moral sense.

Lincoln's Qualities Needed Now.

We of this day must try to solve many social and industrial problems requiring to an especial degree the combination of indomitable resolution with cool headed sanity. We can profit by the way in which Lincoln used both these traits as he strove for reform. We can learn much of value from the very attacks which following that course brought upon his head, attacks alike by the extremists of revolution and by the extremists of reaction. He never wavered in devotion to his principles, in his love for the Union and in his abhorrence of slavery. Timid and lukewarm people were always denouncing him because he was too extreme; but, as a matter of fact, he never went to extremes.

Yet perhaps the most wonderful thing of all and, from the standpoint of the America of today and of the future, the most vitally important was the extraordinary way in which Lincoln could fight valiantly against what he deemed wrong and yet preserve undiminished his love and respect for the brother from whom he differed. In the hour of a triumph that would have turned any weaker man's head, in the heat of a struggle which spurred many a good man to dreadful vindictiveness, he said truthfully that so long as he had been in his office he had never willingly planted a thorn in any man's bosom and besought his supporters to study the incidents of the trial through which they were passing as philosophy from which to learn wisdom and not as wrongs to be avenged, ending with the solemn exhortation that, as the strife was over, all should reunite in a common effort to save their common country.

"Mightiest of Americans."

He lived in days that were great and terrible, when brother fought against brother for what each sincerely deemed to be the right, in a contest so grim the strong men who alone can carry it through are rarely able to do justice to the deep convictions of those with whom they grapple in mortal strife. At such times men see through a glass darkly. To only the rarest and loftiest spirits is vouchsafed that clear vision which gradually comes to all, even to the lesser, as the struggle fades into distance and wounds are forgotten and peace creeps back to the hearts that were hurt. But to Lincoln was given this supreme vision. He did not hate the man from whom he differed. Weakness was as foreign as wickedness to his strong, gentle nature. But his courage was of a quality so high that it needed no bolstering of dark passion. He saw clearly that the same high qualities, the same courage and willingness for self sacrifice and devotion to the right as it was given them to see the right, belonged both to the men of the north and to the men of the south. As the years roll by and as all of us, wherever we dwell, grow to feel an equal pride in the valor and self devotion, alike of the men who wore the blue and the men who wore the gray, so this whole nation will grow to feel a peculiar sense of pride in the mightiest of the mighty men who mastered the mighty days, the lover of his country and of all mankind, the man whose blood was shed for the union of his people and for the freedom of a race, Abraham Lincoln.



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AMERICANS TO MEXICO

BIG EMIGRATION TO THE SOUTHERN REPUBLIC IS ON.

Thousands of Business Men, Miners and Farmers Invade the Inviting Fields South of the Rio Grande—1600 Families Last Month.

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 9.—The American invasion of Mexico is now assuming stupendous proportions and promises soon to attract as much attention as the American invasion of Canada a few years ago. Mining and business men from the United States have for many years found Mexico an inviting field, but the agricultural population has looked at it askance. They considered Mexico too hot for agriculture, just as they formerly considered Canada too cold. But a few pioneers blazed the way into Mexico and found that it offered a very inviting field for the small farmer, and now hundreds are moving there from the Central and Eastern states. Good land can be had cheap and almost any crop can be raised profitably. Investigation has shown that the titles are good and that the government is stable. It is estimated that not less than 1,600 families moved from the United States to Mexico to permanently reside during the month of January. More than double that number is expected to come during the present month. Farms are being opened everywhere and the real Americanization of Mexico has begun. With the merging of the National Lines of Mexico, stupendous efforts will be made to further encourage the coming of the American farmers.

THIRD VICTIM IS DEAD.

J. J. Smith, Who Was Shot by Miss Ware at Gatesville Succumbs.

Special to The Herald:

Gatesville, Texas, Feb. 8.—J. J. Smith, who was shot here Thursday by Miss Ware, died Saturday from his wound, making the third victim of the tragedy. The grand jury, called in special session to consider the charges growing out of Tuesday's tragedy, returned four indictments against Miss Ware, three for murder and one for carrying a pistol. Her bond was fixed at \$7500 which was promptly furnished.

DONNA ITEMS

Donna, Texas, Feb. 7.—The Donna community is flourishing, as well as the remainder of the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Quite a number of sales in small tracts have been made lately nearly all being to actual settlers, who will clear the land and improve it at once. Messrs. S. K. Hallam and L. H. Hallam, the enterprising Brownsville real estate men, continue to bring up prospectors to show that we have the goods here, and generally that is all that is needed to effect a sale. Donna not only has the proud record of having shipped more truck last year than any other point on the Brownsville road, but it also has one of the best constructed canals in the entire valley, and as fine soil as you will find anywhere. This canal is now almost completed to the railroad, and is furnishing water for all lands on the first lift now. The machinery for the second lift pump is now being installed. The plant comprises two large pumps on the river. These are 30-inch pumps with 36-inch discharge, having a capacity of 39,000 gallons each. These are now in operation, filling the canal with all the water needed for planting operations at present. As Dr. S. K. Hallam of Brownsville says, this is one of the best built and most complete canals in the entire valley.

Bricks are being burned here for the big sugar mill which the Ladonna Land Syndicate is preparing to erect. The excavations for the foundation are already made, and work will be pushed on the mill as soon as everything is in readiness. This is to be a 1000-ton mill, and will be one of the finest in South Texas. A large acreage is being planted in cane, to furnish material for the mill to grind when ready.

Not Very.

"An Arkansaw man is suing for a divorce because his wife reads his thoughts."

"An Arkansaw man! Gee, she isn't very choice in her reading matter, is she?"—Houston Post.

Tramp—Lady, I'm near perishing from exposure! Lady—Are you a congressman or a senator?—Town Topics.

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

Competitive examinations under the rules of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, for the positions named, will soon be held throughout the United States, examinations to be held in the spring of 1909, as follows:

Agricultural inspector, Philippine Service.
Aid, Coast and Geodetic Survey.
Apprentice plate cleaner, transferer, and engraver.
Assistant, Philippine Service.
Assistant examiner, Patent Office.
Bookkeeper (men only), Philippine Service.
Civil engineer, Departmental Service.

Civil engineer, Philippine Service.
Civil engineer and draftsman.
Civil engineer and superintendent of construction.
Civil engineer student.
Clerk (male and female), Departmental Service.

Computer: Coast and Geodetic Survey, Nautical Almanac Office, Naval Observatory, Supervising Architect's Office.

Draftsman: Apprentice, Ordnance, Department; Architectural, Copyist, topographic; engineer, heating and ventilating; junior architectural, Mechanical, Isthmian Canal Service; Topographic, Departmental Service; Topographic, Isthmian Canal Service.

Electrotypist-stereotypist.
Engineer, Indian Service.
Farmer, Indian Service.
Farmer with knowledge of irrigation.

Fish culturist.
Forest assistant, Forest Service.
Forest assistant, Philippine Service.

Kindergarten teacher, Indian Service.

Local and assistant inspector of boilers.
Local and assistant inspector of hulls.

Matron, Indian Service.
Observer, Weather Bureau.
Pharmacist, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.

Physician, Indian Service.
Physician, Philippine Service.
Postal clerk, Isthmian Canal Service.

Press feeder, cylinder and platen.

Pressman.

Railway mail clerk.

Scientific assistant.

Stenographer, Departmental Service.

Stenographer, Departmental Service.

Stenographer and typewriter, Departmental, Isthmian Canal, and Philippine Services.

Superintendent of construction.

Surgeon, Departmental Service.

Surveyor, Philippine Service.

Teacher, Indian Service.

Teacher, Philippine Service.

Trained nurse, Indian Service.

Trained nurse, Isthmian Canal Service.

Trained nurse, Philippine Service.

Typewriter, Departmental Service.

Veterinarian, Philippine Service.

Veterinary inspector, Department of Agriculture.

Application forms and information in regard to these examinations may be obtained by addressing the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or the Secretary of the Board of Examiners at the following named places: Post-office, Boston, Mass., Philadelphia, Pa., Atlanta, Ga., Cincinnati, Ohio, Chicago, Ill., St. Paul, Minn., Denver, Colo., San Francisco, Cal.; Custom-house, New York, N. Y., New Orleans, La.; Old custom-house, St. Louis, Mo.

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Gentlemen.

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